

REMARKS

Please consider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 10-13, 16, and 17 and for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 10-17 are pending in this application. Claims 10, 14, and 16 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 10, 14, and 16.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 14

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,765,653 ("Doster") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,678,644 ("Fielder"). Claim 14 has been cancelled in this reply. Thus, this rejection is now moot.

Claim 15


Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Doster in view of Fielder and U.S. Patent No. 4,385,669 ("Knutsen"). Claim 15 has been cancelled in this reply. Thus, this rejection is now moot.

Conclusion

All rejected claims have been cancelled, leaving only the allowed claims. Thus, this application is in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 05516/045003).

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